

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT(S): von Spreckelsen et al. CONFIRMATION NO.: 7735  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

Applicants concurrently file a Request for Continued Examination of this application. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the pending Appeal and reopening of prosecution of the application before the Examiner pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114(d).

Applicants request entry of this Amendment and Response and consideration of the Remarks contained herein prior to further substantive examination of this application. Applicants also request an interview with the Examiner before the next Office action to discuss the patentability of the currently amended and new claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.133(a)(2).

Applicants believe that other than the fee for the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination, no other fee is due for this Amendment and Response to be entered and considered. However, if a fee is due, the Director is authorized to charge the required fee for this submission to Deposit Account No. 50-1721.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 4.